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Goal :

Have an improved treatment of regional information in AR5, for the benefit of all users of the IPCC reports

Principles:

- All reports are part of the AR5 cycle
- All reports feed into the SYR
- WGII is in the driving seat, and its contribution to AR5 has at least the same broad scope as in AR4
- Contributions of WGI and WGIII disciplines, which were already present in WGII contribution to AR4 would need to be better treated in its contribution to AR5
- Coherence needs to be maintained between global and regional approaches
- This proposal does not deal with the regional division issue ("Proposal 7" of Doc. 10), which must be handled in a separate process, for example through an expert meeting before the next Plenary).

Proposal:

WGI proceeds as planned

WGIII is the next contribution finalized (not WGII as usual)

WGII contribution is split into two parts¹:

- General title: Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation (as usual)
- Part I scope and subtitle: "Global and sectoral aspects"
- Part II scope and subtitle: "A regional approach of vulnerability, impacts, and adaptation, including sections on climate science and mitigation aspects". The cover would also mention: "This volume also incorporates contributions from IPCC Working Groups I and III"

There would be only one SPM and one TS, both included in each part, so that the overall context is present in each part.

Timing:

- This WGII effort is only possible if it comes after both WGI and WGIII have completed their volumes. This allows the WGI and WGIII material to be available, and allows the WGI and WGIII author teams and TSUs to be able to contribute effectively with their material to Part II of the WGII report.
- The WGII SPM and TS approval, and the acceptance of both Parts takes place at the same Plenary, in time for the SYR to reflect their content.
- It is therefore clear that all volumes of WGI, II, and III would be part of AR5 as decided in Budapest

¹ Basic rationale: See Chris Field's Appendix IV in IPCC-XXX/Doc.10